



**Hawaii Community Development Authority
Kalaeloa Authority
547 Queen Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813**

November 29, 2021

RE: Development Permit Application for Ka'ulu Residential Community

Dear Chair Todani and Members of the Kalaeloa Authority,

My name is Jessica Leorna, Chief Executive Officer of the Building Industry Association of Hawaii (BIA-Hawaii). Chartered in 1955, the Building Industry Association of Hawaii is a professional trade organization affiliated with the National Association of Home Builders, representing the building industry and its associates. BIA-Hawaii takes a leadership role in unifying and promoting the interests of the industry to enhance the quality of life for the people of Hawaii.

BIA-Hawaii is in support of the Gentry Kalaleloa LLC's planned Ka'ulu Residential

Community in Kalaeloa. Oahu faces an ongoing housing affordability crisis largely due to a lack of a healthy housing market at all price points. We support efforts to increase housing availability and affordability; this community will offer 390 housing units at multiple price points.

Additionally, the State of Hawaii is in a critical economic crisis which has been further exacerbated by the ongoing pandemic environment. The economic benefits of this planned community include construction related jobs and revenues for the City and State.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide our comments on this matter.

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Leorna".

Jessica Leorna
Chief Executive Officer
BIA Hawaii